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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Naoto Matsunami et al.

Application No.: 10/004,131

Filed: October 30, 2001

For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING A  
PLURALITY OF CONTROLLERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8042

Examiner: Eron J. Sorrell

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2182

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 29, 2006, a rule 312 amendment was mailed on September 21 to amend the claims. An amendment of the above-identified application, in addition to the September 21 amendment, is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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